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**Sent:** Mon 7/20/2015 8:38:56 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Silverton

Here is an additional email from Paula after she contacted the property owner.

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**From:** Schmittdiel, Paula  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** Fagen, Elizabeth; Peterson, Cynthia  
**Cc:** Wharton, Steve  
**Subject:** FW: Silverton

I spoke with [Citizen Name/Ex. 6] yesterday about the soil sampling. [Personal Matters/Ex. 6] and buying this property as a long-term investment (retirement) – planning to build a retirement home (or 2- there are 3-4 lots). He said they were getting it at a very, very low price – pennies on the dollar b/c the owners really want to sell it. They have signed a contract but it is contingent on their “researching” the environmental issues and they have 60 days to back out of their commitment.

I explained our situation regarding soil sampling at the moment – that we are working with the

local officials but they are concerned about the implications of what will happen if we find contaminated soils and so we don't have a consensus yet. He understands a bit about the issue of heavy metals in the soil. I told him that from the photos (and from my memory of walking the area where his property is last summer) that it was possible that there might be some contamination – absence of vegetation and proximity to the Rose-Walsh smelter and the VCUP action.

I said that we expect at some point to conduct soil sampling but that I wasn't sure when we might do it – that it might not even be this season and that when we do conduct soil sampling that we would sample his property if we had access. He asked about what kind of assistance might be available if we found contamination in the soils. I said that EPA would not expect them as a home owner to clean-up the soils but did not commit us to anything specific as to when a cleanup might occur. I did not mention a SF listing. He seemed satisfied and I told him if he had any other questions to please call me back.

His cell phone #: Personal Phone/Ex. 6

We might want to put his name & contact info (ph# & email) on a list to contact if/when we do initiate soil sampling in Silverton. The property could definitely be suspect.

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**From:** Citizen Name/Ex. 6

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 5:01 PM

**To:** Schmittiel, Paula

**Subject:** Silverton

Hello Miss,

My name is **Citizen Name/Ex. 6** are purchasing land in Silverton. I read an article about testing in and around town. I would love to have the EPA test our land if you are interested. We have yet to build anything and to me it looks like tailings of some sort are on the property( I will attach photos.) Would the EPA be interested in testing? Would the EPA be interested in mitigation if test results require it? Please let me know your thoughts. Along with the photos I have attached an environmental report that the sellers gave me.

Thank you again.

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**Citizen Name/Ex. 6**